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Empty Nest Syndrome

By KASIA PERKOWSKA • Tangi Times Feature Columnist

I went to the store a few days ago. As I walked through the doors and saw all the new and shiny displays full of school supplies, tears welled up in my eyes. I had no idea where that came from, and I immediately tried to swallow away the huge lump in my throat, doing my best not to let the sudden waterworks spill all over my cheeks.

Suddenly, it hit me! Could it be? I've heard about it since my teen years, when listening to adult conversations. Realization came in with a huge "in your face" phrase: empty nest syndrome.

For the first time in my life, I immediately understood it fully. Not just the words on the surface, but the empty void in the heart, the physical pain that accompanies it, as well as the emotions that are felt on such a profound level, it makes a person feel numb.

As I walked through the store with my cart, I couldn't help but reminisce, and decided to walk thought the school aisle, feeling silly at myself for smiling as I touched the red and blue mat that's required for preschool and kindergarten. I remembered

the sudden tug on my shirt from my daughter, disappointment in her eyes, because they didn't have one with Barney or the Teletubbies.

I remembered the soft clammy feel of her plump little hand in mine, the smell of her very fine wispy blonde hair, the excitement in her eyes, and how she looked forward to her very first day of school. In that brief walk through the school supply aisle, I got to relive those moments from so long ago.

Not a day goes by that I don't think about my children, adults now with their own families and lives. When something reminds me of them, my mind takes me back to when that memory was formed, allowing me to bask in the feeling and emotion, especially the silly things that still make me laugh out loud. This new feeling was so different, so much deeper, I had to finally look into it to see what I should expect.

Empty Nest Syndrome is defined as a feeling of grief and loneliness parents may feel when their children move out of the family home. Every parent does their very best to raise independent, polite, compassionate, and free-thinking children. It's what we look forward to and dream of for our children, so why is it so difficult to let them go?

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Needle Drop Nostalgia

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times
Community Journalist

There's something magical about the moment a needle drops on a vinyl record. That tiny crackle, the gentle hiss, and then – music, rich and warm, like it's being played just for you.

Whether you're a lifelong collector, a thrift-store crate digger, or someone who just figured out how to use their new turntable without breaking the stylus, National Vinyl Record Day is your chance to celebrate music the old-school way.

Observed every August 12, National Vinyl Record Day was founded by music lover Gary Freiberg to honor the history of recorded sound and promote the preservation of music culture.

The date isn't random; it marks the anniversary of

Thomas Edison's invention of the phonograph back in 1877. That's right, we've been spinning records for nearly 150 years, and they're still going strong.

Vinyl records aren't just about nostalgia, although there's plenty of that to go around. They offer a listening experience that many swear beats streaming any day of the week.

There's a warmth and depth to vinyl sound that makes digital tracks feel a bit... flat. Plus, the whole ritual – sliding a record out of its sleeve, placing it on the turntable, careful to not touch the surfaces of the disk, gently setting the needle – it's almost meditative.

For younger generations raised on playlists and Bluetooth, vinyl offers something tangible and tactile, a way to experience music with your hands as well as your ears.

If you're wondering how to celebrate, the options are endless.

Revisit your old favorites or discover a new artist on wax. Host a listening party and invite friends to bring their best finds. Hit up your local record shop – those still exist, you know – and ask the person behind the counter what album changed their life.

Or better yet, take your kids or grandkids and introduce them to the joy of flipping through a bin of music history.

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Today is National Filet Mignon Day!

Thou shalt not order a well-done Filet Mignon

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One Dollar

By OLE HARDHIDE
The Alligator

Two bits, four bits, six bits, a peso… All for Old Hardhide, stand up and say so!

Oh, my dear swampies, you all knew for some time that your favorite gator narrator is bilingual, right? I wish I could take credit for the preceding piece of fine Español, but truth is, I stole (and paraphrased) it from a fabulous old movie that most of you probably never heard of. It's a 1981 cult classic called Zorro, the Gay Blade, starring George Hamilton and Lauren Hutton. If you're ever in the mood for some outrageous offbeat humor set in old-world southern California, I recommend it.

How did Old Hardhide become such a classic film buff? Well, I'm glad you asked! As you know, the Hide likes to travel a bit. Sometimes, it's good to relax in the room and just reenergize for the next adventure. I was away last weekend at an AirBNB. At least it looked like an AirBNB. It was unoccupied and the door was unlocked. There were no instructions for check-in or payment, so what was a gator to do? I made myself comfortable. No more questions about this.

Anyhoo, the last tenant was nice enough to stay logged in on all the streaming services connected to the nice big TV, so I did some scrolling and found a few old classics to pass the idle time. And do you know what else I found? Another classic from 1980, but this one was much, much better! It is called Alligator, and here is the premise: a pet baby alligator named Ramon is flushed down a toilet and survives in the city sewers. Twelve years later, it grows to an enormous size, thanks to a diet of discarded laboratory dogs injected with growth hormones. At that point, Ramon decides to explore the world outside the sewer and might or might not start eating people! It's classified as a horror movie, as is its intriguing sequel, Alligator: the Mutation, but I don't think it sounds so terrifying.

Be nice to your pets, my swampies!

MEMES
are good medicine!

High school friend: Hey, what time is it?
Me, sleeping over at his house: I don't know. Hand me that trombone, and I'll find out.
BLOWS TROMBONE HARD
Friend's mom: Who is playing that trombone at 2:00am?!

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
Mayor Wesley Daniels
City of Ponchatoula

As Mayor of Ponchatoula, I want to share an important update on the Ponchatoula Pedestrian Project, which has now officially entered the construction phase. This project has been nearly a decade in the making, with its planning, design, and funding secured during the administration of former Mayor Bob Zabbia. Funded through a competitive grant, the project was developed with the long-term goal of improving pedestrian access and safety in our historic downtown.

As work gets underway, we want to be transparent: the scope of this project is significant, and it will bring notable disruptions to traffic and the flow of daily life downtown. Delays, detours, and general inconvenience should be expected, and we completely understand the frustration this may cause. That said, we are committed to keeping residents informed and to minimizing disruptions wherever we can. In the end, this project will bring long-term improvements to our infrastructure and downtown experience, but we ask for your patience as we navigate a challenging, but exciting, chapter in Ponchatoula's growth.

"I love our city, and I love its people."
-Wesley Daniels

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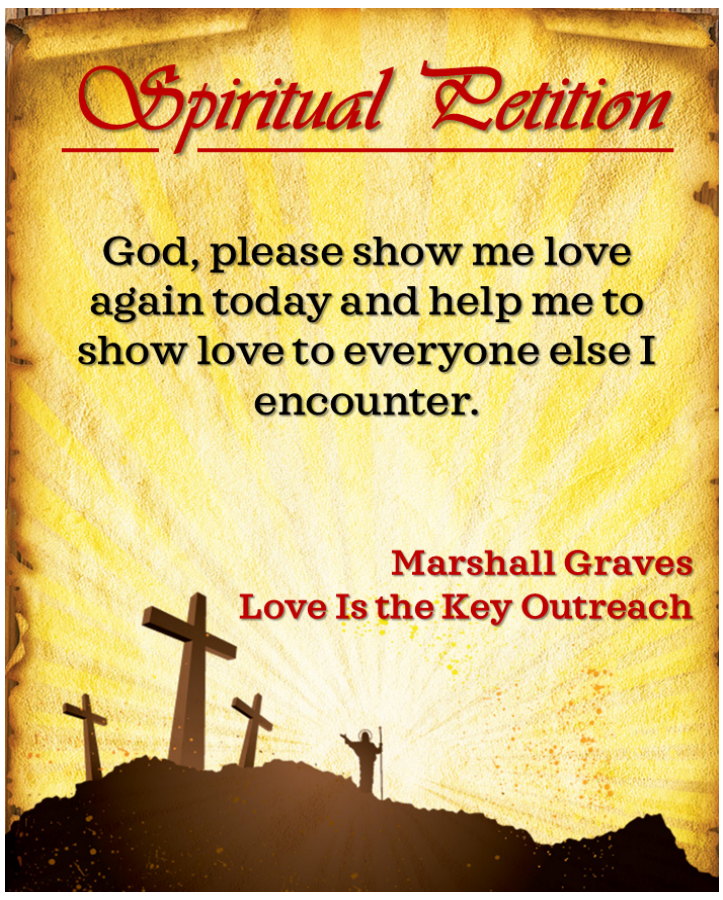
Spiritual Petition
God, please show me love again today and help me to show love to everyone else I encounter.
Marshall Graves
Love Is the Key Outreach

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Friday August 1- Thursday August 28
5 pm – 8 pm
Degas Pastel Society Members Exhibition
Hammond Regional Arts Center
217 E Thomas St., Hammond

Thursday August 14
5:30 pm
Chamber After Hours – Ponchatoula Kiwanis
300 N. 6th St., Ponchatoula

Thursday August 14
6:30
Wine Bingo
Crescent Lounge
120 W. Pine St., Ponchatoula

Tuesday August 19
7pm
Music Trivia
Chiefs Pub on Pine
140 N Baronne St., Ponchatoula

Friday August 22
7pm
Tangi Crime Stoppers Old West Murder Mystery
J Ruckers Saloon
165 W Pine St., Ponchatoula
www.tangicrimestoppers.com

Saturday August 23
8am
Hot August Stroll 2025
Downtown Hammond

Friday August 29
7 pm
Learn to Rumba at Twin Steeples
Twin Steeples Creative Arts Center
220 East Oak St., Ponchatoula

Saturday August 30
4 pm – 7 pm
Bosses & Blankets: Luxe Garden Party
Cate Square Park
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Dubious News

Hello friends!
Don't you hate those pesky spam calls that come in every day? No one can blame you, but one guy probably should have answered.
In October 2021, a hiker set off on Mount Elbert in Colorado.
He got lost in the wilderness and didn't return by evening, prompting an emergency rescue search.
The rescuers repeatedly texted and called him, even leaving voice messages. However, the man never answered the phone because he simply … didn't recognize the numbers and assumed them to be spam or robocalls.
Apparently, the man's "extended warranty" offer was actually an extended warranty on his life.
Luckily, he found his way back the next morning, unaware that anyone even knew he was missing, and arrived to a pretty awkward conversation with the rescuers.
Until next time, friends!

Please join
The Tangi Times
in wishing
Happy Trails
to our talented Assistant Chief Editor, Ryley Perez

Ryley is moving on to pursue a career in financial management. We wish him the best ride, but we surely will miss him.

Until we meet again…

A Message from Robby Miller

From Tangipahoa Government

It's hard to believe summer vacation is coming to a close, and school is back in session!

The last few days have been a whirlwind of back to school activities across our parish. From the various Back to School bashes to the many open house events and the annual teacher pep rally at the University Center, our community has had a great time cheering on our students and our local school employees as they gear up for the new year.

One thing that makes Tangipahoa special is our emphasis on community schools. There's an incredible sense of pride in our neighborhood schools, and there are lots of families who can brag that they have several generations of students who have worn their community school's colors.

Over the next few days, traffic will be a little heavier than we've grown accustomed to during the lazy days of summer. Please plan accordingly, as it may take a few extra minutes to get around town.

Please also keep an eye out for students who may be standing roadside waiting for buses, and most importantly, please take special caution when buses are stopped to load or dismiss students. These children are our most precious assets, and we want them to arrive at and return from school safely every day.

We thank our school employees for all they do to help our children, and we especially wish our students their best school year yet!

—Robby

Tangipahoa Parish President

These fine retailers bring
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to the community. Visit them today!

5/25

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Circle A Hardware
Huckleberry's
Albany Express

Amite
Drive-In Drug Store
Thrift-Town HealthMart
Gabriel Building Supply
Master Chef

Bedico
Bedico Supermarket

2/25

Greensburg
Buddy's Seafood/Deli
Greensburg Family Pharmacy
Main Street Market/Deli
The Hawk's Nesting Café
Lucky Dollar Casino
A Country Store
Last Stop Money Mart

9/24

Hammond
Jeanie's - It's All Good
Doughlicious Donuts
University Donuts
CVS Hammond
Pull Clip Café
Scott's Pharmacy
Don Chaucer's Pharmacy
Bayou Booksellers
Hammond Express
Miller's Mart
Stuffed
Red White & Brew

6/24

Independence
The Man Shack
Hilltop Market & Deli
Minute Man Convenience
La Potosina

3/24

Kentwood
Kentwood Pharmacy
Kentwood City Hall
The Café
Schilling's Pharmacy
Kentwood Co-op
Pizza Shack
B & D Salvage Grocery

12/23

Loranger
Gene's Greenhouses
Loranger Supermarket
Family Healthcare
Grace Filled Donuts

Montpelier
Bear Creek Western Store
Miller's Grocery
Natalbany Creek Campground
Bizzy Bee

Pine Grove
Pine Grove Auto Parts

Ponchatoula
Bohning's
Gabriel Building Supply
CVS Ponchatoula
B2 Antiques
Moss & Berry
Ponchatoula Family Pharmacy
Specialty RX Pharmacy

Robert
Robert Supermarket
Robert Pharmacy

Roseland
Sky's Pantry

Springfield
Landry-Poché Farm
Childers Grocery
P'Maw's Bait Shop

Tangipahoa
TG Mini Mart

Tickfaw
Alissa's Beauty Salon

Watch the growth of this Tangi Times retailer list!

TANGI GUMBO

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office has charged a 10-year-old Loranger Middle School student and their parent after the child was seen waving a gun from a car window in the school's morning drop-off line on the first day of classes. Witnesses reported the student pointing the weapon toward another vehicle around 7:15 a.m., prompting immediate action from school officials and a TPSO School Resource Officer, who confirmed the gun was a BB gun and confiscated it. The student was booked into the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center on charges of carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon on school property and terrorizing, while the parent, 35-year-old Kristin Hutchinson, faces charges of contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile and improper supervision of a minor. Sheriff Gerald Sticker emphasized the parish's zero-tolerance policy for threats on school campuses, warning that "we will hold anyone accountable who violates the safety of our schools and communities."

Southeastern Alumni has announced the date for its annual Alumni Awards Evening, set for Friday, October 17, 2025, celebrating the achievements of distinguished graduates in their respective fields. The 2025 award recipients will be revealed soon, and tickets are now available at www.southeastern.edu/alumni/recognition/registration.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office has arrested 40-year-old Johnathan Newman of the Kentwood area, accused of blocking a rural highway and then chasing a woman and her child at speeds over 100 mph. Deputies say the victim was driving on Highway 38 when she encountered a vehicle parked across both lanes. After the man approached her car, she turned around to leave, but he allegedly pursued her in his vehicle until she was able to escape and call authorities. Newman, who investigators say has no connection to the victim, was identified and arrested the following day on charges of stalking, reckless operation of a vehicle, and obstructing highways of commerce. TPSO is investigating whether he may be connected to similar recent incidents in the area.

The Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District has confirmed the first human case of West Nile Virus in 2025, reported in the western part of Hammond. Officials said additional mosquito treatments have been carried out in the area and noted that the parish is currently in peak season for the virus. They emphasized that while most people infected do not experience symptoms, some can develop serious illness, and prevention measures such as removing standing water, using insect repellent, and avoiding peak mosquito activity times remain essential. So far this season, the district has tested 1,310 mosquito samples, with 125 testing positive for the virus.

(See TANGI GUMBO Page 6)

The Tangi Times Talk of the Town!

Which old TV show theme song can you still sing word for word?

Al Crayton
Hammond

Rawhide.

Kasia Perkowska
Ponchatoula

Mr. Ed!!

Leslie McKnight
Hammond

Family Ties.

Lisa Nest
Ponchatoula

The Facts of Life.

Melissa Wallace
Ponchatoula

The Brady Bunch.

Paula Young
Ponchatoula

Petticoat Junction.

Robin Becnel
Robert

Cheers!

Thomas Fletcher
Ponchatoula

Beverly Hillbillies.

YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Kerstin DeLatte Barry Lott
Brittany Landry Brenda Lipscomb
Jaelyn Walker Brianne Neal
Flo-Vet Pitcher Samantha Bates
Ian Anderson Peter Beckett
Bob Mothersbaugh Joe Jackson
Mark Knopfler Jerry Speiser
Larry Graham JT Taylor

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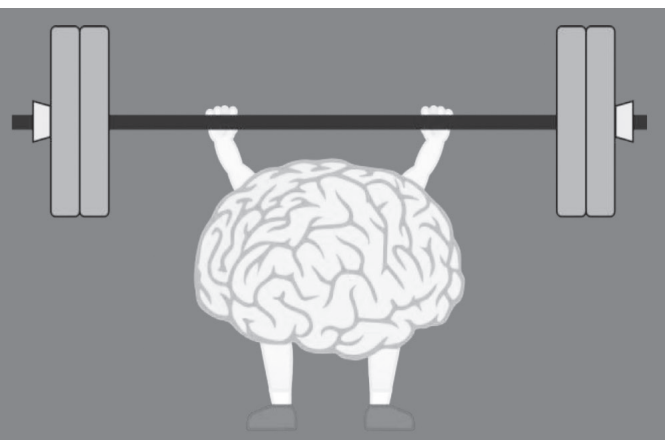


CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solve the code to discover words related to the family fun.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 4 = A)

A. 6 4 8 4 19 10 7 25
Clue: Getaway

B. 24 16 7 11 19 24
Clue: Athletics

C. 17 18 24 20 18 17
Clue: Showcases art

D. 4 13 6 20 25 19 18 11 20
Clue: Thrilling activity

Answers: A. vacation B. sports C. museum D. adventure

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to family fun.

C H A E B

Answer: Beach

The Tangi Times BRAIN TEASER

SUMTHING'S UP

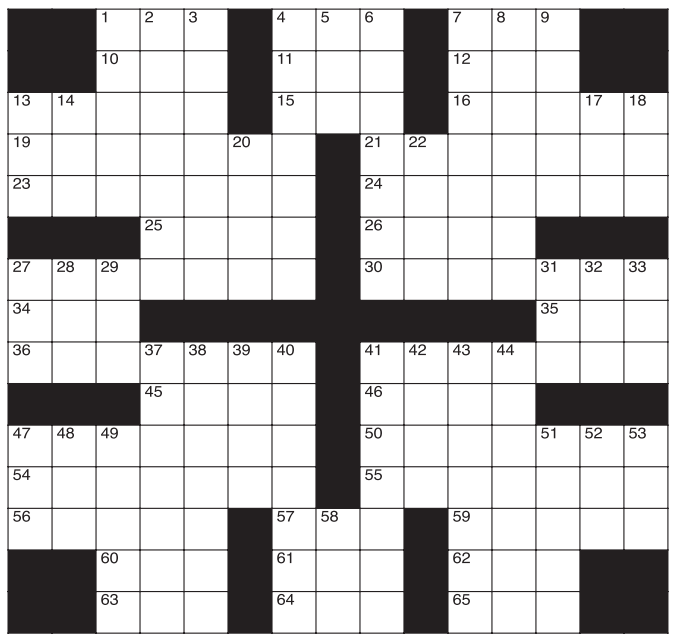
A set of 30 numbers sums to 62.
Each number of the set is first increased by 5, then multiplied by 7, then decreased by 4.
What is the sum of the numbers in the new set?

*If you think that you have solved the puzzle, tell us about it in an email to **publisher@tangitimes.com** before the solution is published in next week's paper.*

FUN FACT

In 1983, the first commercial U.S. cell phone weighed 2 pounds, had 30 minutes of talk time, and cost $3,995.

CROSSWORD



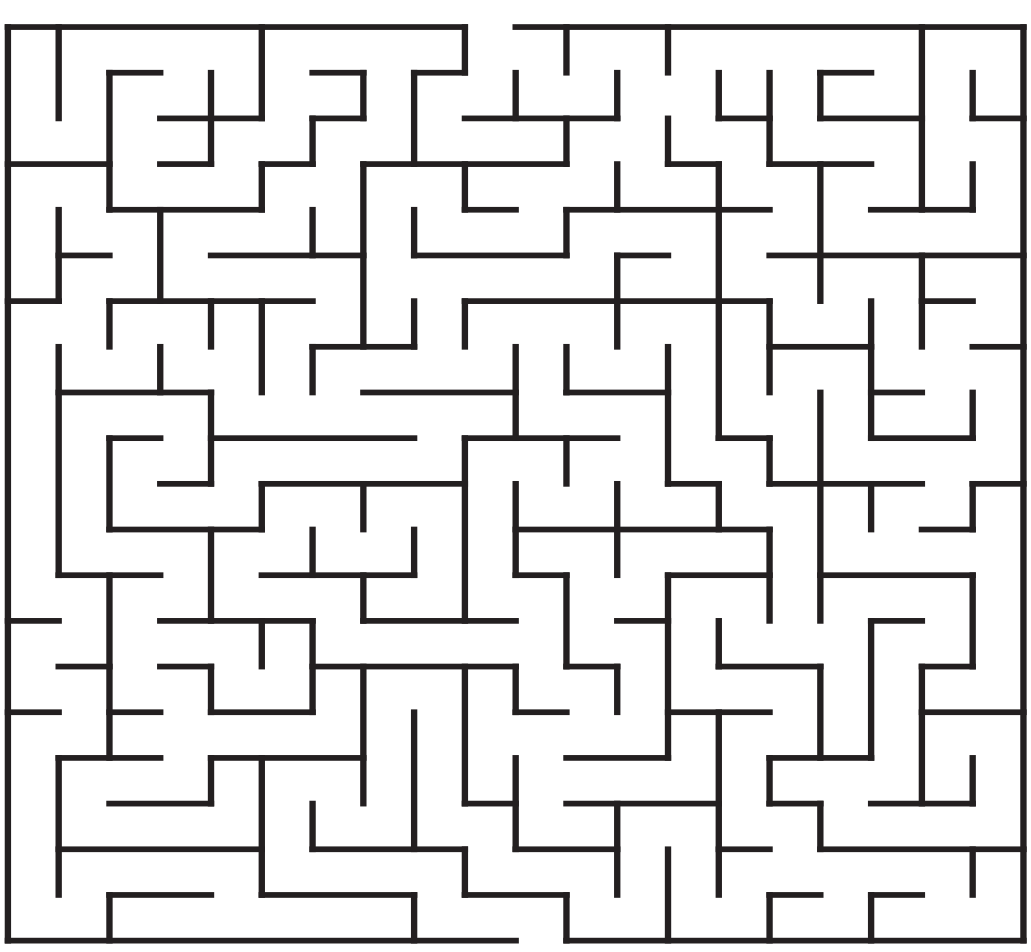
CLUES ACROSS

1. Auto manufacturer
4. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
7. Two-year-old sheep
10. Member of indigenous people in Asia
11. Airborne (abbr.)
12. Actress de Armas
13. Not moving
15. Cool!
16. Plants of the arum family
19. Perceptible by touch
21. Rorschach test
23. Monetary units
24. Art
25. Cardinal number
26. Dueling sword
27. Hates
30. Fixed in one place
34. Pie _ __ mode
35. Moved on foot
36. Passenger's spot on a motorcycle
41. A way through
45. "Rule, Britannia" composer
46. Leader
47. Flowing
50. Common greetings in Arabic countries
54. Solution for all difficulties
55. Soft clothing fabric
56. Building material
57. Sea bream
59. A way to cause to be swollen
60. One and only
61. Skin color
62. Wreath
63. Nevertheless
64. They __
65. Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN

1. Policemen (French)
2. Toy dog
3. Inflamed colon disease
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Helps little firms
6. References
7. Takes down
8. Facilitates
9. One-time empress of the Roman Empire
13. Engine additive
14. Chemistry solution
17. Written account
18. Consumed
20. Coming after all others
22. No (slang)
27. Government lawyers
28. Super Bowl winner Manning
29. Small amount
31. A way to save for your future
32. A way to travel behind
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Head pain
38. Loud lawn insect
39. Actress Hathaway
40. Boat race
41. About fish
42. Nursemaid in India
43. Marketable
44. Tinier
47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
48. Paddle
49. Oneness
51. Bitter compound
52. Not around
53. Very fast airplane
58. Swiss river

Kids' Corner



GUESS WHO?

I am a model born in England on August 12, 1992. Through the years I have served as the face of Burberry, Chanel, Moschino, Stella McCartney, and more. My career also has included various acting gigs, including a recent role on an Amazon television series.

Answer: Cara Delevingne

SUDOKU

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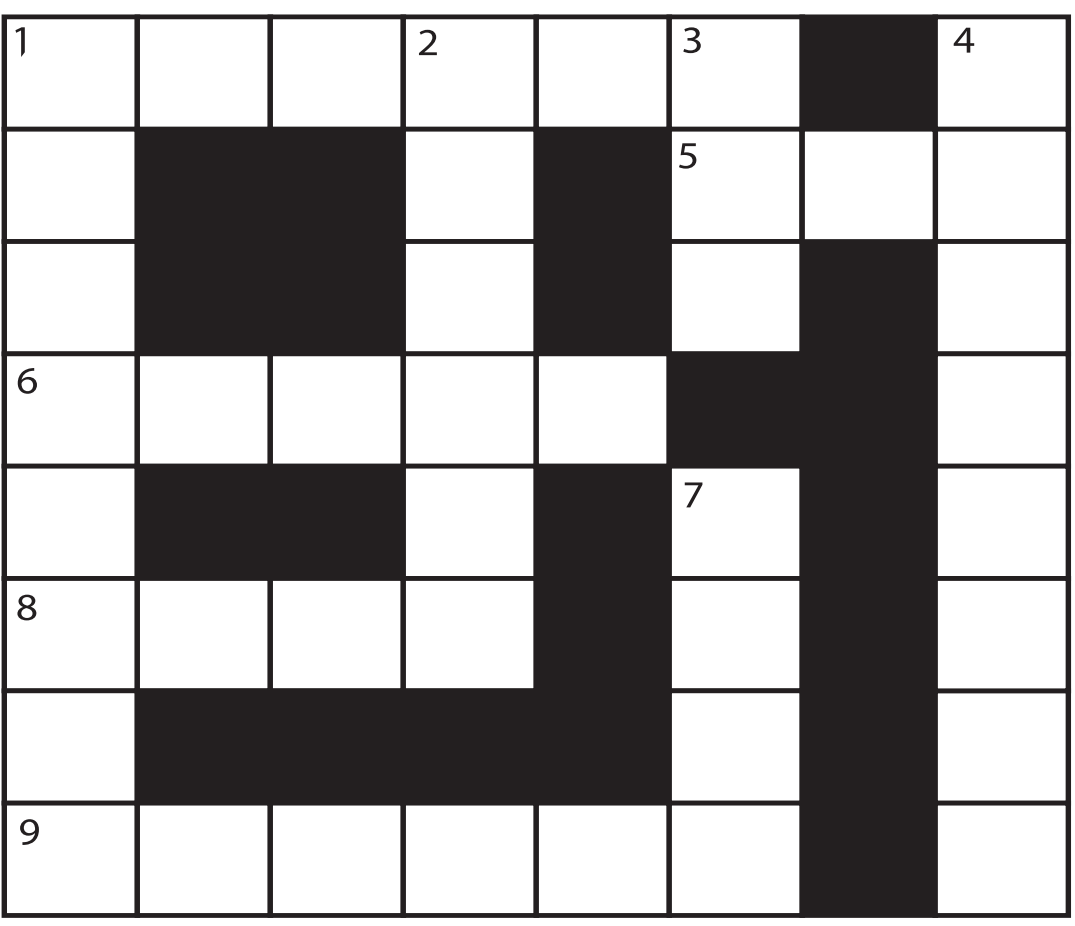

ACROSS
1. Place for learning
5. Singular
6. Midday meal
8. Display of excitement
9. Period of learning

DOWN
1. Full of talent
2. Units of measurement
3. "Laughing out loud"
4. Educators
7. In charge of school

WORD SEARCH

FAMILY FUN WORD SEARCH

A	I	U	R	E	T	O	G	M	T	D	M	B	T	W	E	K	Y	V	C
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T	V	C	D	T	Z	M	G	V	T	B	I	R	T	H	D	A	Y	U	S

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

ADVENTURE
BARBECUE
BIRTHDAY
BOARD GAMES
CAMPING
CELEBRATION
DANCE
GAME
HIKING
LAUGHTER
LOVE
MEMORIES
MOVIE
PARK
PICNIC
PLAY
PUZZLE
ROAD TRIP
SEASIDE
SWIMMING
TOGETHER
VACATION

Pleas in 21st Judicial District Court

21st Judicial District Attorney Scott Perrilloux reports that the following defendants appeared in criminal court in Amite on the dates listed below and were sentenced as follows:

Sentencing before Judge Erika Sledge (July 28, 2025):

• Timosray Vernon, 42, of Amite, pleaded no contest to forgery and possession of heroin. The defendant was sentenced to serve three years in the Department of Corrections on each count with the sentences to be served concurrently.

Sentencing before Judge William Dykes (July 21, 22, & 28, 2025):

• Ralpheon C. Harrison, 20, of Hammond, pleaded no contest to illegal possession of stolen firearm. The defendant was sentenced to serve two years in DOC. Sentencing was suspended and the defendant was placed on probation for two years, ordered to pay a $500 fine plus court costs, and be subject to random drug testing.

• Zemond Rico Lightfoot, 21, of Kenner, pleaded guilty to bank fraud and was placed on probation for three years, ordered to pay a $500 fine plus court costs, be subject to random drug testing, and make restitution.

• Terrilyn Owens, 22, of Kentwood, pleaded no contest to illegal use of weapons. Jail sentence was suspended, and the defendant was placed on probation for two years, ordered to pay a $500 fine plus court costs, and be subject to random drug testing.

• Mitchone D. Simmons, 43, of Kentwood, pleaded no contest to DWI - alcoholic beverages - 3rd offense. Jail sentence was suspended, and the defendant was placed on probation for three years, ordered to pay a $2,000 fine plus court costs, be subject to random drug testing and alcohol screening, complete drug court program, 24 hours of community service, driving improvement, and attend the victims impact panel.

• Melvin Charles Felder, Jr., 26, of Hammond, pleaded no contest to possession of fentanyl or carfentanil - 28 grams or more, distribution or possession with intent to distribute - marijuana, THC, or synthetic cannabinoids - less than 2.5 pounds, possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I CDS; illegal use/ possession/ control of weapons - crime of violence/ CDS, and possession with intent to distribute a Schedule V CDS. The defendant was sentenced to serve five years in DOC on each of the counts with all sentences to be served concurrently. The defendant was also ordered to forfeit his gun.

• John Anthony Gaten, 37, of Ponchatoula, pleaded no contest to aggravated battery - domestic violence and was sentenced to serve 80 days in the parish jail.

• Jake Jackson, 21, of Slidell, pleaded no contest to possession of a Schedule IV CDS and was sentenced to serve one year in the DOC to be served concurrently with any time already serving.

• Darell Jacobs, 39, of Ponchatoula, pleaded no contest to obscenity and was sentenced to serve three years in the DOC.

• Dejaun Moore, 20, of Hammond, pleaded no contest to second degree battery and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The defendant was sentenced to serve three years in DOC on count one and six months in parish jail on the second charge. DOC sentencing was suspended and the defendant was placed on probation for two years, ordered to pay a $500 fine plus court costs, and be subject to random drug testing.

• Justin Jerome Cannon, 41, of Independence, pleaded no contest to possession of marijuana over 14 grams and illegal carrying of a firearm or dangerous weapon. The defendant was sentenced to serve two years in the Department of Corrections on the weapons charge and six months in the parish jail on the drug count. Sentences will be served concurrently with any other time serving.

• Rico A. Dawson, 35, of Amite, pleaded no contest to illegal possession of stolen things valued over $1,000 but less than $5,000. Defendant was sentenced to serve two years in DOC. Sentence was suspended and the defendant was placed on probation for two years, ordered to pay a $500 fine plus court costs, be subject to random drug testing, and make restitution.

• Devron Deantre Johnson, 30, of Hammond, pleaded guilty to simple arson. Defendant was sentenced to serve five years in DOC at hard labor.

• Mark Deshun Lee, Jr., 24, of Hammond, pleaded no contest to criminal trespassing. Defendant was sentenced to serve 90 days in the parish jail.

• Dajour Martin, 26, of Denham Springs, pleaded no contest to 2nd degree cruelty to juveniles. Defendant was sentenced to serve one year in DOC at hard labor.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE

Owner: Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish
Project: W8 Improvements at Ponchatoula Cemetery [FY2025]
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of "W8 Improvements at Ponchatoula Cemetery [FY2025] for Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish" will be received by the President & Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish at the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 district office Meeting Room, 48571 Highway 51 North; Tickfaw, LA 70466, until 10:00 a.m. (CST) Thursday, August 21, 2025, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of:

Cleaning, patch/seal and geopolymer lining of a 96"x120" corrugated metal pipe arched (CMPA) (100 LF) and catch basins (2 EA), clean and installation of cured in place pipe (CIPP) in 24"-36" pipe sizes (materials vary) (260 LF), installation of new catch basins (2 EA), install/ open cut 36" Thermoplastic pipe (CPEP-DW/RPVCP), imported backfill (100 CY), installation of flowable fill (20 CY), construction/traffic signage, miscellaneous sitework & erosion control, and related work as called for on the drawings, indicated on the Bid Form, or reasonably implied.

Construction Budget: $250,000.00
Contract Term: 60 calendar days

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Spangler Engineering, LLC; 214 Southwest Railroad Avenue; Hammond, LA 70403; (985) 542-8665; Jay C. Pittman, P.E.; jay@spanglerengineering.com. Prospective Bidders shall obtain Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (Monday-Thursday), and 8:00 am – 12 noon (Friday), and may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office as described herein.

Bidding Documents may also be examined at the Office of the District Administrator, Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish; 48571 Highway 51 North; Tickfaw, LA 70466.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents shall be obtained from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above upon payment of a deposit of $150.00 for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in good condition (suitable for re-use) within ten (10) days after receipt of Bids (August 31, 2025) will receive a full refund ($150.00). Non-Bidders will receive a refund of $150.00 for documents returned in good condition within the time limit indicated above. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Spangler Engineering, LLC". Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 am (CST) on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the CGDD#1 Engineer's Office; 214 SW Railroad Avenue; Hammond, LA 70403. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish, LA

By: _____

Title: Emile "Joey" Mayeaux, PRESIDENT, Board of Commissioners

Date: 16 July 2025

Publication dates: 0 7 / 1 6 / 2 0 2 5 ; 07/23/2025; 07/30/2025; 08/06/2025; 08/13/2025

Cost of notice:$ 40.50

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

St. Helena Fire District #4 Will be accepting bids for surplus equipment listed below. All equipment will be sold in "as is" condition with no expectations or warranties from the department.

1980 Ford L-900 fire truck, bearing VIN F90PVGJ5125, 750 gpm pump, 750 gallon tank. Truck does not run and will have to be trailered from location.

1992 GMC Ferrara Pumper, BEARING vin 1GDP7H1J8NJ502073, 1250 gpm pum, 1,000 gallon tank, truck runs and pumps great. Has all current pump tests. Minimum bid $20,000.00.

2010 Ford F-450 Medium rescue, bearing VIN 1FDAX5HR7AEB25240 4WD, punp&roll with 150 gpm pump and 300 gallon tank. 2 10 gallon foam tanks, newly replaced Foam-Pro system. Automatic transmission, 6.3L Diesel engin that does no crank over. Needs new engine. Minimum bid $20,000.00.

1982 Ford FMC Cab-over fire truck, bearing VIN 1FDYD80USCVA48945, 100 gpm pump, 1000 gallon tank, runs and pumps great, 3208 Cat with Allison transmission. Minimum bid $5,000.00 Burner CAFS, 65 gallon tank with 100 foot hose reel and foam nozzle. High pressure hoses and regulator, self-contained skid-load, 4'x6' diameter.

Rescue 42 TeleCrib Squad Kit, 2 jr struts, 2 long struts, 2 straps, spike foot, cinch ring spare pins and storage bag, TeleCrib strut jack. Purchased new in 2023. Minimum bid $5,000.00.

2007 American LaFrance Pumper, bearing VIN 4S7AU2C967056725, truck comes with a full complement of hose to include hose, nozzles, power tools, and various hand tools, with a minimum bid of $70,000.00

The bids should be closed and secure. Bids can be received at 8352 Highway 37, Greensburg LA. For specific details of item requirements, please contact Chief Graves at 225-610-9163 or via e-mail at sthelenafire4@yahoo.com. The bids will be opened at the Board of Commissioners meeting on August 25, 2025, at 6 p.m. at 8352 Highway 37, Greensburg LA. All bids should be received no later than August 25, 2025, at 4 p.m.

Publish: August 8,13,20 & 25
Cost of notice:$ $23.10

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Esmeralda Mendez Fortier, registered agent of Quiroz LLC,

Please contact Samantha Brumfield, Attorney at Law, at 102 N. Myrtle Street, Amite, LA 70422, (985) 747-1088 samantha@edwardsandstevens.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Notice is hereby given that Tangipahoa Parish Council- President Government intends to apply for a federal grant for operating assistance and/or capital assistance to provide Rural Public Transportation of a nonemergency, ambulatory nature for the FY 2026-2027 program year. The application for assistance is pursuant to the **Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program of 49 CFR 5311 and/or capital assistance**. Services will generally be between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the area encompassing Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana. Transit services are provided without regard to race, color, and national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.
Written comments on the proposed ato P.O. Box 215, Amite, LA 70422, and to Program Manager, Department of Transportation and Development, P. O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 708049245. Comments must be received by Thursday, August 28, 2025.

Cost of notice: $ 9.00

Legal and Public Notices

MELISSA M. STILLEY
SUPERINTENDENT

TOM TOLAR
BOARD PRESIDENT

NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 20 , 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Assistant Principal (9.75 Months)

SALARY: $55,212 - $79,372
Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience

LOCATION: Independence Leadership Academy
Independence, LA

CRITERIA: Must have on or before the advertised deadline, a valid Louisiana teaching certificate with one or more of the following credentials:
- Valid Type A or Level 3 Louisiana Teaching Certificate with certification as Principal; OR
- Educational Leader Level 1 or Level 2; OR
- Educational Leader Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education; OR
- Out of State Principal certificate, Level 1 (OSP1) or Level 2 (OSP2); OR
- Out of State (OSP1 or OSP2) Principal Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

A rubric will be used to evaluate your application, so please be sure to submit all required information.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website: www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

Submit your application through the Frontline Recruit and Hire portal before the deadline of **August 20, 2025,** even if a previous paper application is on file with TPSS Human Resources. Previous paper or email applications will not be considered.

IMPORTANT: Please be advised that all applicants who apply for this position should check their email account daily, **including their SPAM folder**, for communications regarding this advertisement.

The Tangipahoa Parish School System is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

DATE ADVERTISEMENT POSTED: AUGUST 6, 2025

Publish: August 8,11,13,15,18 & 20
Cost of notice:$ 31.50

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM
59656 PULESTON ROAD AMITE, LA 70422 P: 985 748 7153 F: 985 748 8587 TANGISCHOOLS.ORG

MELISSA M. STILLEY
SUPERINTENDENT

TOM TOLAR
BOARD PRESIDENT

NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 13, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: SCHOOL SECRETARY (9 months)

SALARY: $21,757 - $30,431 (Based on verified years of relevant experience, degree and level of certification)

LOCATION: Sumner Middle School
Kentwood, LA

CRITERIA: Must have one of the following requirements:
- High School Diploma, Equivalency Certificate and at least two (2) years of experience in accounting or bookkeeping.
- Successful completion of coursework leading to an Associate's Degree in Office Administration, or successfully completed coursework at a State Approved Vocational School or State Approve Business School.
- A Bachelors' degree or higher will be accepted in lieu of the above requirements.
- Diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website (https://www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/). Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

Submit your application through the Frontline Recruit and Hire portal before the deadline of **AUGUST 13, 2025** even if a previous paper application is on file with TPSS Human Resources. Previous paper or email applications will not be considered.

The Tangipahoa Parish School System is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

DATE ADVERTISEMENT POSTED: AUGUST 4, 2025

Publish: August 6,8,11&13
Cost of notice:$ 31.50

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM
59656 PULESTON ROAD AMITE, LA 70422 P: 985 748 7153 F: 985 748 8587 TANGISCHOOLS.ORG

TOWN OF KENTWOOD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Kentwood will hold a public hearing at 5:45 P.M. on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at City Hall, 308 Ave G, Kentwood, LA, prior to Town Council Meeting.
This hearing is to provide an opportunity for citizens to offer comments on and discuss:
Ordinance No. 2 of 2025 (A proposed ordinance to adopt a Town-Wide Moratorium prohibiting the submitting of any applications for Trail Rides).
Mayor Irma Gordon
Town of Kentwood, LA
985-229-3451

Publish August 13, 20 & 27
Cost of notice: $ 7.70

SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION 163 WEST HICKORY STREET PONCHATOULA, LA 70454 (504) 386-9309

NOTICE

THE SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025 9:00AM PONCHATOULA CITY HALL ANNEX BUILDING 110 WEST HICKORY STREET PONCHATOULA, LA

Any member of the public who has a condition which meets the definition of a disability under the Americans with disabilities Act and who wishes to participate in this meeting, such person, or a designated caregiver of such person, shall contact the port's administrative office at (985) 386-9309 at least twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting and request that such participation by telephone be arranged.

Publish: July 28, August 4, 11 ,13.
Cost of notice: $ 6.80

Legal and Public Notices

SHERIFF'S SALE

Twenty-First Judicial District Court
of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION
VS.2023-0004481 F
SHAMITA ANDEREAL JACKSON

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-first Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, in the above entitled and numbered suit I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, for cash, to the last and highest bidder and according to law, sale to take place via an online auction hosted at www.bid4assets.com/tangipahoalasheriffsale on
AUGUST 27, 2025

Between the hours prescribed by law, beginning at ten o'clock a.m., the following mentioned and described property situated in the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, to-wit:

2018 SOUTHERN ENERGY 32 X 62 MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS SAD024236ALA AND SAD024236ALB

WRIT AMOUNT: SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 03/100 ($65,348.03)

TERMS: CASH in the form of currency, certified funds or letter of credit, subject to any security interest, mortgage lien, or privilege thereon superior to that of the seizing creditor, to the last and highest bidder WITHOUT the benefit of appraisement and according to law.
Amite, Louisiana, June 23, 2025

TREVATHAN LAW FIRM APLC
8235 YMCA PLAZA DR. STE 400
BATON ROUGE, LA 70810
225-334-9222
GERALD D. STICKER
SHERIFF

Advertised: THE TANGI TIMES
August 13, 2025
Cost of notice: $ 16.50

SHERIFF'S SALE

Twenty-First Judicial District Court
of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE INC
VS.2025-0000994 C
CLAYTON EDWARD WIDAS

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-first Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, in the above entitled and numbered suit I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, for cash, to the last and highest bidder and according to law, sale to take place via an online auction hosted at www.bid4assets.com/tangipahoalasheriffsale on
AUGUST 27, 2025
Between the hours prescribed by law, beginning at ten o'clock a.m., the following mentioned and described property situated in the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, to-wit:

ONE (1) CERTAIN 2011 LEXINGTON, MODEL 1502817, MANUFACTURED HOME, BEARING SERIAL NUMBER LH01105863A AND LH01105863B

WRIT AMOUNT: FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY NINE CENTS ($55,974.99)

TERMS: CASH in the form of currency, certified funds or letter of credit, subject to any security interest, mortgage lien, or privilege thereon superior to that of the seizing creditor, to the last and highest bidder WITHOUT the benefit of appraisement and according to law.
Amite, Louisiana, June 25, 2025

SHOWS, CALI & WALSH, LLP
P.O. BOX 4425
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802
225-346-1461
GERALD D. STICKER
SHERIFF

Advertised: THE TANGI TIMES
August 13, 2025
Cost of notice: $ 16.50

SHERIFF'S SALE

Twenty-First Judicial District Court
of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE INC
VS.2025-0000043 F
CHRISTAN NULL-NUCCIO AND DARREN JOSEPH NUCCIO, JR.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-first Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, in the above entitled and numbered suit I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, for cash, to the last and highest bidder and according to law, sale to take place via an online auction hosted at www.bid4assets.com/tangipahoalasheriffsale on
AUGUST 27, 2025
Between the hours prescribed by law, beginning at ten o'clock a.m., the following mentioned and described property situated in the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, to-wit:

2012 CLAYTON WALNUT GRO MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER CS2013728TN
WRIT AMOUNT: TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-FIVE CENTS ($28,439.35)

TERMS: CASH in the form of currency, certified funds or letter of credit, subject to any security interest, mortgage lien, or privilege thereon superior to that of the seizing creditor, to the last and highest bidder WITHOUT the benefit of appraisement and according to law.
Amite, Louisiana, June 23, 2025

TREVATHAN LAW FIRM APLC
8235 YMCA PLAZA DR. STE 400
BATON ROUGE, LA 70810
225-334-9222
GERALD D. STICKER
SHERIFF

Advertised: THE TANGI TIMES
August 13, 2025
Cost of notice: $ 19.00

SHERIFF'S SALE

Twenty-First Judicial District Court
of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION
VS.2025-0001715 A
CARL LEO LEE AND
LOUELLA PIERCE LABRANCHE

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-first Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, in the above entitled and numbered suit I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, for cash, to the last and highest bidder and according to law, sale to take place via an online auction hosted at www.bid4assets.com/tangipahoalasheriffsale on
AUGUST 27, 2025
Between the hours prescribed by law, beginning at ten o'clock a.m., the following mentioned and described property situated in the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, to-wit:

2022 LEGACY 16 X 68 MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER L118068

WRIT AMOUNT: SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FORTY-THREE CENTS ($75,342.43)

TERMS: CASH in the form of currency, certified funds or letter of credit, subject to any security interest, mortgage lien, or privilege thereon superior to that of the seizing creditor, to the last and highest bidder WITHOUT the benefit of appraisement and according to law.
Amite, Louisiana, June 25, 2025

TREVATHAN LAW FIRM APLC
8235 YMCA PLAZA DR. STE 400
BATON ROUGE, LA 70810
225-334-9222
GERALD D. STICKER
SHERIFF

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August 13, 2025
Cost of notice: $ 19.00

SHERIFF'S SALE

Twenty-First Judicial District Court
of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE INC
VS.2025-0000856 C
TYDARIUS RICO ANDREWS AND KENISHA QUANETTE PARKER

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-first Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, in the above entitled and numbered suit I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, for cash, to the last and highest bidder and according to law, sale to take place via an online auction hosted at www.bid4assets.com/tangipahoalasheriffsale on
AUGUST 27, 2025
Between the hours prescribed by law, beginning at ten o'clock a.m., the following mentioned and described property situated in the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, to-wit:

ONE (1) CERTAIN 2021 SOUTHERN ENERGY MANUFACTURED HOME MODEL 41S1G116803AH21, BEARING SERIAL NUMBER RUS079604AL

WRIT AMOUNT: NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS ($95,321.40)

TERMS: CASH in the form of currency, certified funds or letter of credit, subject to any security interest, mortgage lien, or privilege thereon superior to that of the seizing creditor, to the last and highest bidder WITH the benefit of appraisement and according to law.
Amite, Louisiana, June 25, 2025

SHOWS, CALI & WALSH, LLP
P.O. BOX 4425
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802
225-346-1461
GERALD D. STICKER
SHERIFF

Advertised: THE TANGI TIMES
August 13, 2025
Cost of notice: $ 20.00

SHERIFF'S SALE

Twenty-First Judicial District Court
of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa

LA CAPITOL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
VS.2025-0001148 D
DIONTAE EUGENE ROBINSON

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-first Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, in the above entitled and numbered suit I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, for cash, to the last and highest bidder and according to law, sale to take place via an online auction hosted at www.bid4assets.com/tangipahoalasheriffsale on
AUGUST 27, 2025
Between the hours prescribed by law, beginning at ten o'clock a.m., the following mentioned and described property situated in the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, to-wit:

ONE (1) CERTAIN 2022 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER (VIN KL79MPS23NB122105)

WRIT AMOUNT: THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTEEN CENTS ($34,695.17)

TERMS: CASH in the form of currency, certified funds or letter of credit, subject to any security interest, mortgage lien, or privilege thereon superior to that of the seizing creditor, to the last and highest bidder WITH the benefit of appraisement and according to law.
Amite, Louisiana, June 23, 2025

WHITLOW LAW FIRM, LLC
700 MAIN STREET, SUITE 301
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802
GERALD D. STICKER
SHERIFF

Advertised: THE TANGI TIMES
August 13, 2025
Cost of notice: $ 18.50

Obituaries

Dianne N. Brewer; 73; Tickfaw; August 6; survived by her son, Chad Brewer; daughter, Tracie McCrory and her husband, Huey; granddaughter Kylie Whann and husband, Christian; Kade and Kasen McCrory; Thomas, Leonard, and Eleanor Whann; and numerous relatives, extended fami-ly, friends, and loved ones.

Glen Paul Wisecarver; 58; Springfield; August 6; survived by his children Samantha and Matthew Wisecarver, his siblings Cindy Perrot (Will), Michael Wisecarver Sr. (Pam), Richard Wisecarver (Donna), and Chris Wisecarver (Jeanine). He is preceded in death by his brother Earl Wisecarver Jr., and his nephew Michael Wisecarver Jr.

Deborah Lynn Byers; 68; Hammond; August 6; survived by her son, Paul Shelby Williams, Jr. (Maggie) of Husser; daughter, Stephanie Lynn Williams of Houston; sister, Jennette Goff of Port Charlotte; four grandchildren, Clayton, Annabelle, Chase, and Zoe; two great grandchildren, Ava and Kasten.

Myra Elise Riggio Deliberto; 75; Hammond; August 7; survived by her daughter, Vency Achord (Timmy); sons, Todd David (Jennifer), Charles Deliberto, Jr. (Tasha), Vince Deliberto (Toni), and Mikhael Deliberto (Jaime); cousin, Mary Ann Schillage Jones; nephews, Bobby Riggio and Bran-don Riggio; eleven grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Melanie Addison Watts; 66; August 8; survived by her daughters, Angela Gregerson (Randy Core), Stacey Davis (Chris); grandchildren, Kameron Miller (Hannah), Nichole Davis, Zoey Da-vis; and great-grandchildren, Greyson Vassil, Levi Miller, Koen Miller.

Danny L. Goodwin; 77; Independence; August 8; survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Ma-chelle Goodwin; sons, Haiden Goodwin (Darci), Ian Goodwin (Renee); brother, Donny Goodwin (Susie); granddaughters, Adalynn and Alice Claire Goodwin; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Caroline Sue Wax Wagner; 76; Hammond; August 8; survived by her daughter, Heather Wagner Kirkland(Jeffery "Monkey"); grandchildren, Sabrina Hughes (Dalton) and Jeff Kirkland (Delaney); great-grandchildren, Kaise, Mila, Jersee, and Kopelynn; siblings, Norma Lea Pickering, Clinton "Reidie" Wax, and Shelly Glenn Wax; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Daniel Lynn Smith, Sr.; 74; Kentwood; August 9; survived by his wife, Karen Smith; daughters, Stephanie Oakes (Chris), Samantha Reynolds (Neal), Madison Smith, Amber Phillips-Temple (Kaylynn), and Ashley Phillips; sons, R. Duane Smith (Kelly), and Joseph Phillips; sister, Pamela Gullick (Jerry); and numerous other relatives and friends.

Jacqueline "Jackie" M. Wedge; 62; Springfield; August 10; survived by her loving husband, Kevin A. Wedge Sr.; son, Kevin A. Wedge Jr. (Hannah); sisters, June Trahan (Donnie), Charlene Grubbe, and Carolyn Plaisance (Mike); brothers, Robert Matherne Jr. (Carman) and Kenneth Matherne (Emily); and grandchildren, Nathan A. Wedge and Micah P. Wedge.

Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District Confirms First Human Case of WNV

From Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District

The Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District is confirming the first West Nile Virus human case of the 2025 season. The case was reported in the western part of Hammond. In response, TMAD has performed additional treatments in the Hammond area.

West Nile Virus is the most common mosquito-borne disease in the continental United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control, most people infected with WNV do not feel sick. About 1 in 5 people who are infected develop a fever and other symptoms, with about 1 in 150 infections leading to a serious, sometimes fatal illness. So far this mosquito season, TMAD has tested 1,310 samples for WNV and have found a total of 125 positives.

"While this is not a reason to panic, we would like to remind Tangipahoa Parish that we are currently in peak West Nile virus season, and prevention is vital," said Director Colby Colona. "We strongly urge all residents to eliminate any standing water around their homes, use insect repellent containing at least 20% DEET or picaridin, and avoid peak mosquito times at dawn and dusk, if possible."

TMAD is asking residents across the district to follow the basic mosquito defense methods mentioned by Director Colby Colona. If you'd like more information, visit our social media pages for step-by-step instructions on those defense measures.

For more information about West Nile Virus, please visit www.cdc.gov/west-nile-virus/about/index.html

We need You!
Help Louisiana
VOTE
BECOME AN ELECTION POLL COMMISSIONER!
AND GET PAID $200 A DAY!
TRAINING CLASSES:
AUGUST 19 - 5:00 PM
North Oaks Diagnostic Center - Hammond
AUGUST 20 - 5:00 PM
Florida Parishes Arena - Amite
TO REGISTER: ELECTIONS@TANGICLERK.ORG OR 985-748-4146

TANGI GUMBO

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The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in identifying three men believed to be connected to recent violent crimes, including one involving rifles. On August 7, deputies responded to a vehicle crash at a Wardline Road gas station in Hammond, where witnesses reported three Black males fleeing the scene with what appeared to be "machine guns." Investigators later learned the vehicle had been stolen from Independence a year ago, and surveillance footage showed one suspect leaving an AR pistol in a Reddy Ice machine. Drugs and firearm accessories were also recovered from the vehicle. Detectives believe the men may be linked to a separate shots-fired incident in Independence last month. Anyone with information is urged to call TPSO at 985-402-2088 or share tips anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-554-5245 or www.tangicrimestoppers.com.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) is asking for the public's assistance in its investigation of a body found in a vehicle in the Amite area over the weekend. Around 3:15am on Sunday, August 10, TPSO received a call about a vehicle crash on Bennett Road. When deputies arrived, they found a vehicle in a ditch with a black male inside who had been shot to death. The identification of the victim is pending an autopsy.

While detectives are continuing their investigative process, the TPSO is reaching out to the public for help with the case.

Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information to contact our Criminal Investigations Division at 985-902-2088. If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip! Tips shared directly through Crimestoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

During the week of August 11, paving operations will continue on Duncan Avenue in Amite, Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller announced on Monday. Miller says this week Barriere Construction crews will be working on several Phase 2025 overlay-related projects across the parish, including:

Shoulder Dressing: South I-12 Service Road, Whiskey Lane, New Genessee, Arbordale, Old Covington, Chappapeela, Holly Drive, Woodstone Drive, and Oak Hollow;

Paving: Duncan Avenue, South Lewiston, Frank Lane, North Peckerwood, Trabona, and Jaelyn;

Preliminary Patching: Chemekette and Frank Lane.

All work is weather-permitting, and Miller encourages the public to use caution traveling in work zones.

Ponchatoula Pharmacy Technician Tapped for LPA Board

From Louisiana Pharmacists Association

Julie Küpper, CPhT, of Northshore Technical Community College, in Ponchatoula, LA was installed as the Pharmacy Technician Representative on the Board of Directors. The Louisiana Pharmacists Association held its 143rd Annual Convention at the Natchez Convention Center & The Grand Hotel Natchez in Natchez, MS, on July 10-12, 2025, where the association installed its 2025-2026 Board of Directors.

The 2025-2026 Board of Directors for the Louisiana Pharmacists Association are:

President– Michael Cockerham, MS, PharmD, ULM College of Pharmacy, Shreveport, LA; Immediate Past President– Scott Black, RPh, Gulfcoast Pharmaceutical Specialty, Prairieville, LA; President-Elect – Kevin LaGrange, RPh, The Apothecary Shoppe, Lafayette, LA; Treasurer – Peggy Dean, RPh, Woman's Hospital, Baton Rouge, LA.

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Pharmacy Technician for 2025-2026 is Julie Küpper, CPhT, Northshore Technical Community College, Ponchatoula, LA.

The Louisiana Pharmacists Association, established in 1882, strives to promote the interests of all pharmacists of the State of Louisiana. For more information about LPA and its benefits, contact Julie Fuselier, LPA Executive Director at 225-346-6883.

Student and Parent Charged for BB Gun on School Property

From TPSO

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) has charged a Loranger Middle School student, and their parent, for having a gun on school property this morning.

The 10-year-old was booked into Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center on one count of Carrying a Firearm or Dangerous Weapon by a Student on School Property as well as one count of Terrorizing.

Kristin Hutchinson, 35, has been charged with one count of Contributing to the Delinquency of Juveniles and one count of Improper Supervision of a Minor.

Around 7:15am, as the student was arriving to school in the car line, multiple school officials and other families in line reported seeing the child waving a gun out the window of the car and pointing the gun toward at least one other vehicle in line.

The student was promptly removed from the vehicle and kept outside the building while the weapon, confirmed as a BB gun, was confiscated. A TPSO School Resource Officer, on campus at the time of the incident, began conducting an immediate investigation including questioning of the student and Hutchinson, the adult operating the vehicle.

Following additional investigation by our Juvenile Division, charges were filed against both the student and the mother. Throughout the investigation, the morning car line process continued without further incident, and the school day began as usual.

"Unfortunately, day one, hour one of the first day of the school year, we find ourselves setting the tone of zero tolerance for threats, perceived or actual, in our schools," said Sheriff Gerald Sticker. "Weapons are not toys and playfully displaying or pointing weapons, anywhere, is not a game. Regardless of the circumstances, a gun on a school campus is illegal, dangerous, and frightening and we will hold anyone accountable who violates the safety of our schools and communities."

As a reminder, you can share information about crimes, suspicious or even concerning activities, in our schools through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip! You can provide this information anonymously.

Keeping It Real in REAL ESTATE

with Stacey Levin, RAM Properties

Education Moment, Inspired by Last Week's Events

Some weeks in real estate are full of joy, sunshine, and happy closings. This was not one of those weeks.

This week started off with an offer that… well, let's just say it deserves a gold medal in the Lowball Olympics.

Please, friends, do not send me an offer that would net my seller $100,000 less than their asking price. That's not negotiating. That's fishing in the wrong pond.

Here's the truth, if you feel the need to make an offer that low, you're either looking at homes way out of your price range, or you have no business buying right now. As much as I tell my sellers not to take it personally, it's still offensive.

Picture this, you think your home is worth $200,000, and someone comes along and offers you $100,000. Be honest, you'd be insulted. You might even have to resist the urge to frame the offer and hang it on the wall, just to remind yourself of "that one time when…"

Now, in this particular case, I had already told the buyer's agent that the home had been appraised very recently and we were listed below the appraised price. That agent still allowed her buyer to submit an insultingly low offer. Ridiculous!

Needless to say, we did not work out a deal and all our time and emotions were wasted. Everyone says that it is just business. That may be the case in commercial sales but not in residential. Selling your home and buying a new one for your family is very emotional.

Owner/Broker of RAM Properties, Stacey Levin

Then came a listing déjà vu. I re-listed a home I had tried to sell last year. Back then, the sellers pulled it off the market to do some updates. Six months later, they called me, ready to go again. I show up, and… nothing had been done. Not a lick of paint, not a single piece of wallpaper gone. They couldn't agree on what to do or what it would cost, so they decided to sell it "as is" for the same price as before.

I love my clients, but I had strongly advised them, "If we're listing without updates, the price needs to be at least $10,000 less." Why? Because the bid I had in hand for just paint and wallpaper removal was over $10K.

And if that wasn't enough fun for one week, let me tell you about my "bullied closing date" situation. I had a sweet, single, elderly seller who was dependent on her family to help her move. The buyers pushed hard for a closing date of less than three weeks.

We bent over backwards, and I mean hoops, hurdles, and maybe a few cartwheels, to make it happen. During those hectic weeks, the buyers kept asking through their agent, "Can we close a few days earlier?" No. "Can we move a few things in before closing?" No. It took everything my client had just to get out on time.

So she moved out, found a rental, and started paying rent while her new home is being built. Closing day was supposed to be Monday. Guess what happened Friday? A request from the buyer for a one-week extension.

I swallowed my frustration and rearranged everything. And then, just when I thought we were set… yesterday, another request for yet another week extension. Now my sweet client is living in limbo, paying rent for a place she never planned to need that quickly, all because someone else's timeline wasn't as urgent as they made it out to be.

This is where we as agents need to remember — we are not just order takers or door openers. We are professional advisors. Our clients need us to guide them with truth and strategy, even when the truth isn't what they want to hear. That's what we get paid for.

Some brokerages out there pay their agents an hourly wage or a salary. That's fine for them. But for most of us in this business, our paycheck depends on delivering results and getting to the closing table. Results don't come from nodding politely and slapping a "For Sale" sign in the yard or typing an offer of offense to the seller, without honest guidance.

Real estate is equal parts art, science, therapy, counseling, and tough love. Some days, it's dodging lowball offers. Some days, it's explaining why "nothing has changed" is not a marketing plan. Some days, it's protecting your clients from being steamrolled by other people's poor planning. And some days, it's smiling through it all because deep down, you know that the right buyer, the right offer, and the right deal will eventually come along.

Until then, I'll be here keeping my sellers grounded, my buyers educated, and my sense of humor intact… most days.

EMPTY NEST

FROM PAGE 1

It's most likely due to the fact that as parents, our lives often revolve around our children and their schedules. This is even more noticeable for those who were stay-home moms and dads, always busy with carpools, extracurriculars, homework, field trips, doctors' visits…

Suddenly all that comes to a complete halt. Initially, we may feel relieved. Peace and quiet at last! But the hole in our hearts is there from the beginning, as our children leave a void the moment they walk out the door. Once essential parents may no longer feel needed.

Empty nester parents may experience feelings of extreme sadness, loneliness, depression, loss, worry about their child's wellbeing, and a loss of purpose; but despite our lives feeling suddenly empty, there are several unexpected benefits that come with an empty nest.

If the parents are still together, this may give them a much-needed opportunity to reconnect as a couple, without the constant worry, and sometimes guilt, of taking time away from the children. Vacations to tropical islands for rare privacy get away become a possibility without having to ensure the hotel has WiFi and various forms of entertainment for children.

Empty Nest Syndrome isn't a diagnosis or condition and should be viewed more as a normal transitional period we experience in our lives as parents. Some may try to only focus on the negative, falling into depression and experiencing feelings of extreme loneliness.

One of the most important things we as parents owe to ourselves is to take the time and allow ourselves to feel the sadness instead of pushing it aside. We need to remind ourselves that our role as a parent hasn't ended; it has simply changed.

For me, going to the grocery store and buying only what's on the list, made me realize how much teenagers really eat! Not having to hide my snacks in bags of frozen broccoli anymore or being able to eat a solid cauliflower with my meal instead of having to blend it in with the mashed potatoes so the kids get their veggies in disguise, I suddenly felt like an adult again.

There are various ways to fill all the newfound time we may have, and we may discover new things we never imagined we'd enjoy. For stay-home parents, why not take the opportunity to start a new hobby? Write that book we've wanted to write since age 13 or finally check off a few items off that bucket list we keep adding to.

For those who love animals, shelters and rehabbers are always in desperate need of volunteers, and the best part is it benefits animals.

Personally, I love helping young moms who are struggling. I know quite a few moms with young children who don't have mother or father figures in their lives and would absolutely love the help of an older and wiser person who's been through it.

Fathers whose kids left home could volunteer at a youth center for fatherless children once a week, tutor, or become a mentor through a program that connects children in need with responsible adults who can help by guiding them and showing support, assuring the next generation they matter.

Being a new empty nester might feel like falling into an abyss of sadness and unimportance, but remember that the sudden change is just playing tricks on your mind. You are still every bit as important to your child, and you have a new opportunity to make a difference in other parts of your community or the world. Once you explore the possibilities, I believe that you will realize that your value has not lessened at all.

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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

BRAIN TEASER SOLUTION

From August 6, 2025

CONSONANT CHAOS

TRY ON and TOURNEY are an example of a "consonantcy" – a pair of words or phrases with the same consonants from left to right but with different vowels. With the clues below, identify the five consonantcy pairs. Each pair uses a different set of consonants.

SOLUTION

1. House coat? • M&M variety — PNT: paint, peanut
2. Wrigley Field team • train's last car — CBS: Cubs, caboose
3. Diverse • late (as a library book) — VRD: varied, overdue
4. Tokyo shopping district • fret (over) — GNZ: Ginza, agonize
5. Green-eyed • famous heavyweight boxer (two words) — JLS: jealous, Joe Louis

This was a challenging Brain Teaser!

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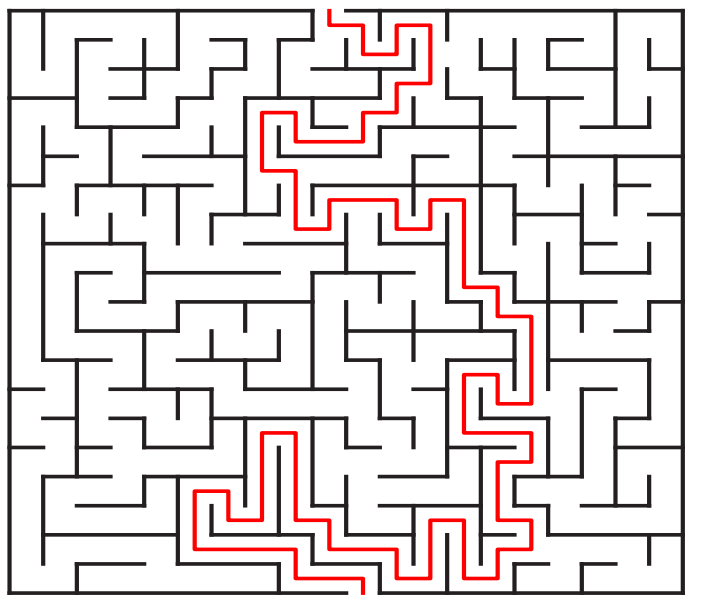

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KIDS CROSSWORD

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1. School, 5. One
6. Lunch
8. Fuss
9. Lesson

DOWN
1. Skillful, 2. Ounces
3. LOL
4. Teachers
7. Dean

Garden of the Month

From the Gardenettes

(Courtesy Photo)

Presenting the award were Garden of the Month Chairman Darnell Kimber, Virginia Hawkins, Marilyn Wright, homeowners Braville and LouAnn Leblanc, Karen Hotard, and Gardenette president Susan Pizani.

LouAnn and Braville Leblanc, 142 Braville, received August Garden of the Month honors from the Gardenettes on August 8 for their beautiful "memory" garden which features many plants given to them by special family members.

Representing the Gardenettes were Garden of the Month chairman Darnell Kimber, president Susan Pizani, Sandy Cusick, Marilyn Wright, Virginia Hawkins, Vicky Fannaly, and Karen Hotard.

The garden club belongs to District VI, Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs Inc., and National Garden Clubs Inc.

LouAnn's garden is made up of many plants rooted for her by her mother, aunts, and grandparents. She can tell you the gardens from which they came and the memories which make each plant special. From her initial starts, she has multiplied her gifts many times and passed them on to her family and friends.

She has a large pink Seven Sisters rambler rose from her mother's garden. She also has a shrimp plant, Amaryllis, and St. Joseph lilies from family that she has increased and shared. A master in propagating, she has increased her Curcuma, a member of the ginger family, to make a colorful border of spiked blossoms lining her driveway.

Braville, her husband, gives all the credit for their beautiful landscaping to his wife's efforts. There are many lovely places to enjoy an evening breeze. Lovely fountains and statuary accent each vista. Highlight plants are a large Limelight Hydrangea in a front bed, many colorful Mandevilla hanging baskets, and several double Althea shrubs, accent Sunpatiens, and Agapanthus.

HRAC Opens Dual Exhibitions

From Hammond Regional Arts Center
All photos by Phillip Colwart

The Hammond Regional Arts Center (HRAC) welcomed art lovers from across the region on Friday, August 1, with opening receptions for two new exhibitions showcasing both celebrated masters of pastel and the fresh voices of emerging artists.

In the Main Gallery, the Degas Pastel Society's 24th Biennial Members Exhibition honors the expressive potential of pastel, a medium championed by legendary artist Edgar Degas. The show, juried by nationally acclaimed plein-air impressionist Phil Sandusky, features 80 works ranging from traditional to contemporary interpretations. During the reception, Sandusky announced the award winners and shared insights into his selections, underscoring the remarkable versatility and enduring beauty of pastel. The exhibition will remain on display through August 28.

At left (left to right): Glinda Schafer, President DPS, Bob Graham, one of the original 7 artists who formed DPS in 1984, Darlene Johnson, Vice President DPS, and Melissa Griffin, Executive Director. Photo by Phillip Colwart Photography.

At right, Juror Phil Sandusky announced pastel exhibition winners and shared insight into his selection process during the evening. Photo by Phillip Colwart Photography.

Upstairs in the Mezzanine Gallery, "Fresh Paint" offers an invigorating look at the future of visual arts, curated by HRAC Board President Jordan Kenning and Autumn Smedley. This dynamic collection features works from Southeastern Louisiana University graduates Katherine McCain, Micah Leverett, Savanah Tastet, and Jaione Critney. Their pieces reflect a vibrant local perspective and the bold explorations of a new generation of artists.

At right (left to right): Savanah Tastet (artist), Autumn Smedley and Jordan Kenning (co-curators), Jaione Critney (artist), and Katherin McCain (artist). Photo by Phillip Colwart Photography.

Both exhibitions are open to the public at the Hammond Regional Arts Center, located at 217 E. Thomas Street, Hammond, LA, with gallery hours Wednesday through Friday, noon to 6pm. More information is available at www.hammondarts.org or by calling (985) 542-7113.

NOSTALGIA

FROM PAGE 1

National Vinyl Record Day isn't just for audiophiles or retro diehards. It's for anyone who believes music should be felt as much as heard.

So, crank up the turntable, let the record spin, and remember: some things never go out of style – especially when they come with liner notes and cover art you can actually read.

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LDWF Offering Free Commemorative Hard Cards to Disabled Veterans

From LDWF

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is making available free of charge commemorative durable hard cards (LDWF Hard Cards) for resident and non-resident disabled veterans. The Louisiana Legislature passed Act 321 during the 2025 session to provide the collector cards to disabled vets.

Those qualifying for the cards and disabled hunting/fishing licenses include any resident or non-resident veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Louisiana Army or Air National Guard, having a permanent service-connected disability classification of 50% or more. The card will display the holder's active annual license.

Disabled vets who are not yet licensed can obtain that by completing the application online or in person at LDWF headquarters in Baton Rouge and submitting it to LDWF with a copy of their driver's license. Licenses for disabled vets are free and paid for by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation.

Once the disabled vet has his or her license, they can obtain the LDWF Hard Card either online or at LDWF headquarters in Baton Rouge.

Log in to your account at www.louisianaoutdoors.com to obtain the hard card. Click on purchase on the dashboard and once in the product catalog, click on the Hard Card tab. Add the product (0301) Hard Card-Disabled Veterans to the card, then choose the card/ image. Follow the steps to check out and complete the transaction.

The card should arrive by mail within two weeks of order.

For more information on the LDWF Hard Card, go to https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/ldwf-hard-cards.

For more information on obtaining the card or a disabled veterans license, contact LDWF licensing at 225-765-2887 or 225-765-2898 Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm.

Campus Corner

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

With the start of the 2025 football season just weeks away, a pair of Southeastern Louisiana Lions have gained recognition. On Thursday, defensive tackle Kaleb Proctor and place kicker Guillermo Garcia were named to the Phil Steele FCS Preseason All-American, earning third team spots.

Proctor, a 6'3, 280-pound senior had a standout 2024, recording 49 tackles and six and a half sacks en route to a spot on the All-Southland Conference second team. Garcia, a grad transfer, was named an All-American a season ago after hitting 20 of 25 field goal tries and converting on all 23 extra point attempts for Prairie View.

Both were also named Phil Steele Preseason first team All-SLC, where they were joined by offensive lineman Holden Kareokowsy, linebacker K. K. Reno, punter Alec Mahler, and kick returner Brandon Hayes. Four other Lions, running back Rodeo Graham, offensive lineman Corin Boudreaux, and defensive backs Khamron Ford and Ian-Connerly Goodly were all second team selections.

The Lions, who wrapped up their first full week of practice on Friday, kick off the season on the road at Ruston against Louisiana Tech on August 30.

You can read up more on these, as well as another half dozen of their teammates who are entering their sixth seasons, and everything about SLU Athletics on line at lionsports.net.

Tulane Football Starts August 30

By JOEL RAY
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The Tulane Green Wave start their football season on Saturday, August 30, at 11am against the Northwestern Wildcats out of the Big 10 Conference.

The season opener is a home game played at the Ocean, the nickname Green Wave football fans have for Yulman Stadium on the Tulane campus in New Orleans.

The game will be broadcast on television by ESPNU and on radio at 106.7 FM The Ticket, the flagship station for Tulane football.

The Green Wave are 3-1 all-time against the Wildcats. The first game against Northwestern was played in 1925 with Tulane earning an 18-7 victory in Evanston, Illinois.

The last time the teams played each other was in 1956 with the Green Wave winning 20-13, also on the road.

The game on August 30 will mark the first time Tulane has played Northwestern in New Orleans since 1955 when the Green Wave defeated the Wildcats 21-0.

Tulane is a seven-point favorite in the home opener at the Ocean against Northwestern. It's early; the line could go up or down before kickoff on August 30.

Experts are all over the place when it comes to predicting who will win the American Athletic Conference this year. One sports website says Tulane, Navy, UTSA, Memphis, Army, and South Florida are all capable of finishing atop the American Athletic Conference this fall. I want to see a few games before I try to guess which team will be the conference champion.

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Sutton to Serve as Chair of LHA Board of Trustees

From North Oaks

Michele Kidd Sutton, FACHE, president and CEO of North Oaks Health System, was installed as chair of the Louisiana Hospital Association's Board of Trustees during its annual membership meeting on July 21.

Established in 1926, the Louisiana Hospital Association is a non-profit organization representing hospitals and healthcare systems across the state. The mission of the LHA is to support its members through advocacy, education and services.

"The LHA thanks our new and returning board members for their strong leadership," said LHA President and CEO Paul A. Salles. "Their efforts help protect access to essential healthcare services, strengthen Louisiana's healthcare workforce pipeline, and improve health outcomes for patients and communities across the state."

Sutton is in her ninth year as president and CEO of North Oaks Health System and has dedicated 37 years to the organization.

She has been involved with the LHA since 1988, holding key roles as chair-elect, treasurer, trustee and chair of the Legislative Regulatory & Policy Committee, as well as serving on various other committees. She also served on the LHA Trust Funds Board. Additionally, she has participated in various committees for the American Hospital Association and the Louisiana Department of Health.

Aside from her involvement with the LHA, Sutton is chair of the American College of Healthcare Executives, which promotes excellence in healthcare leadership among its 51,000 members. She is a board-certified fellow in healthcare management through ACHE and has served as a past Louisiana regent and member of the Board of Governors.

Sutton is also a prominent figure in Louisiana's business community, serving on the Committee of 100 for Economic Development, Inc. She was appointed by former Gov. John Bel Edwards and reappointed by Gov. Jeff Landry to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network State Commission.

Sutton participates in several organizations, including the Northshore Business Council, the Northshore Healthscape Collaborative and the Rotary Club of Hammond, where she has served as a past president.

Additionally, she is a lifetime member and former board member of Southeastern's Alumni Association, a board member and past president of the Lions Athletic Association, and has held various roles, including board chairman, for the Tangipahoa Chamber since 1985.

To learn more about North Oaks Health System, visit www.northoaks.org or call North Oaks Public Relations at (985) 230-6647. To learn more about the Louisiana Hospital Association, visit www.lhaonline.org or call (225) 928-0026.

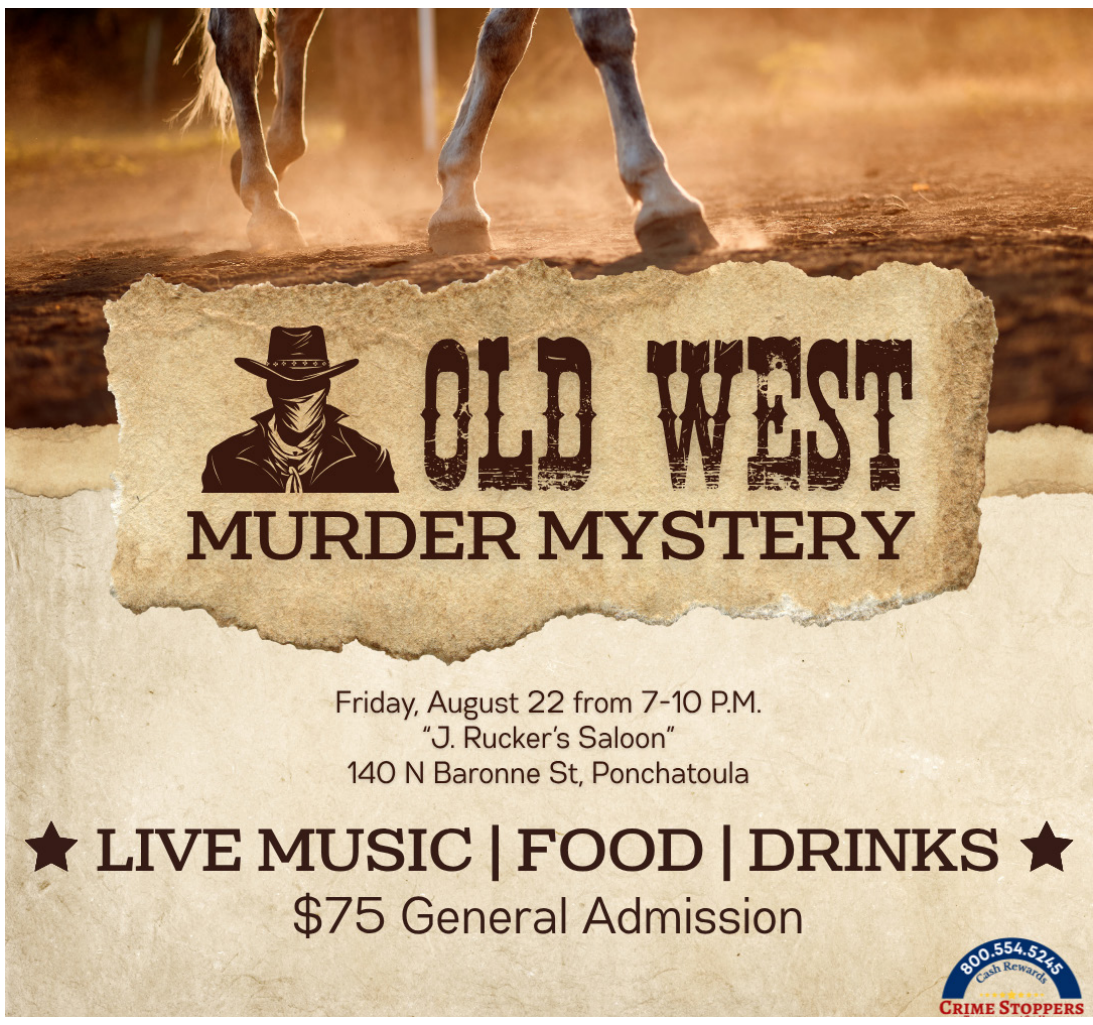
Hoover Family Foundation Returns as OPTIONS Ballin' Sponsor

OPTIONS is proud to announce the return of the Hoover Family Foundation as a Team Sponsor for the 8th Annual Ballin' 4 OPTIONS Charity Basketball Game. Since its inception in 2017, this exciting community event has served as a platform to promote healthier lifestyles, boost self-esteem, encourage physical activity, and increase social interaction and community involvement for individuals with disabilities.

Courtesy photo

Pictured left to right is Peggy Hoover, Hoover Family Foundation, and Calin Ardoin, Ballin'4 OPTIONS Cheerleader.

The 2025 Ballin' 4 OPTIONS Charity Basketball Game will be held on September 20th, 2025, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the PARD#1 Gymnasium, located at 19030 Ponchatoula Park Drive in Ponchatoula. The community is invited to attend an afternoon filled with energy, excitement, and fun for the whole family.



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Friday, August 15	Robert Coello (6-9:30 pm)	TJ Barends (6-9 pm)	Eddie Veatch (7-10 pm)
Saturday, August 16	Lance Villafarra (10:30-2 pm) Jade Sanders (6-9:30 pm)	Sylas Faust (6-9 pm)	Will Baber Quartet (7-10 pm)

Schedules are Subject to Change